

## GIFT TO FAIRMOUNT

Chicago Philanthropist Heads  
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## TRUSTEES TO DO THE REST

Endowment Of \$200,000 De-  
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Fairmount college, one of Wichita's great educational institutions, is to have an endowment fund of \$200,000. The movement was started at the special meeting of the board of trustees held yesterday and the day before at the college, and derives its inception from the gracious act of D. K. Pearson, the Chicago millionaire philanthropist, who has offered to head the endowment fund with a gift of \$50,000, provided an additional \$150,000 can be raised. The matter of raising this amount was the object of the meetings here, probably more interesting meetings than any other that have ever been held in behalf of the college. There were present at those meetings Rev. C. H. Beale, D. D., of Chicago, and Rev. W. R. Campbell of Boston, who represent the Educational Society of the Congregational church in the United States, who came to see Wichita and the college, but more especially to judge of the interest the people here manifest towards the college. These gentlemen have already expressed themselves as being thoroughly satisfied with all conditions here and will take up the work of assisting the college to raise the \$150,000. The following trustees were present at the meeting: President Morrison, J. M. Knapp, Wichita; R. L. Holmes, Wichita; Newell C. Knight, Chicago; George H. Hunter, Wellington; Charles G. Cohn, Wichita; Rev. Henry Thayer, Wichita; George F. Lewis, Wichita; Hugh S. Hall, Sedgewick City; A. C. Jones, Wichita; R. P. Porter, Wichita. Other members of the board who could not be present at the meetings endorse the endowment plan most enthusiastically.

As a first step towards securing the endowment fund the trustees agreed to raise \$30,000 or more in Wichita and surrounding country and the work along this line will be commenced at once and carried out systematically and with great energy. President Morrison, it is said, will not go east this year to raise the balance of the fund. He is said to be one of the most successful men along this line who has ever been connected with school work. It was through his personal efforts that Mr. Pearson's gift to give such a considerable portion of his fortune to Fairmount college, and President Morrison knows where to find others about like him, so that it may be safely predicted that all of the \$200,000 will be ready to transmit to the college authorities by the first of next year, if not sooner.

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Auditorium tonight. Single admission, 50 cents.

"Too Much Money" is a delightful comedy that pleased the large audience that saw it at the Crawford theatre last night. Pleading as the title is, the show is better. The players all do competent work in their respective parts and last night played to the advantage of an appreciative and responsive audience.

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